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# The Edgecliff

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## Yuletide Ball To Be Social Highlight Of Holiday Festivities At Edgecliff

### Tony Cappa's Orchestra To Play In Emery Hall

Memo to all students! Take your calendar and mark a circle around Dec. 28, the date of Edgecliff's annual Yuletide ball. Soon, arrayed in your favorite formal, you will be swaying to and fro to Tony Cappa's orchestra in beautiful Emery ballroom, gaily adorned with Christmas decorations.

Chairman of the dance committee is Mary Overbeck, College club president. As is the custom every year, the responsibility for arrangements is divided among the four classes, with each class president the head of a particular committee. Freshmen are in charge of decorations; sophomores will attend to refreshments; juniors will supervise the dance programs; and seniors will contact the orchestra.

The Yuletide Ball is a traditional dance at Edgecliff. According to established rule, there is no admission charge. The ball is formal.

### CSMC Plans Annual Party

The CSMC will hold its annual Christmas party on Dec. 21. Guests will be children of the catechism classes taught by Juanita Finn, Mary Beth Ritter and Mary Mott.

The party will follow an early Mass and will include a movie and scenes from the recent Sodality day production, "Our Lady of Fatima." Santa will distribute toys and party favors during the party and refreshments will be served by members of the CSMC.

Committee members are as follows: gift arrangement, Catherine Nader, food, Pat Berning, Mary Theresa Duwell, Suzanne Schimanski, Marie Brown, Mary Claire Leis, entertainment, Juanita Finn, Beth Ritter, Mary Jane Braun.

## 'Christ-Like' Christmas Card Campaign Meets With Enthusiastic Response

By Suzanne Schimanski

"Hello, Elizabeth, this is Mary Ann. I've been Christmas shopping all day today. I bought the cutest Christmas cards; they're just darling. On the front there are two Turkish towels on a rack with Henry's name printed on one towel and my name on the other. On the inside it says 'Seasons greetings.' Isn't that clever? What? You say your cards have a picture of your very own dog on the front? Oh, Elizabeth, you think of everything!"

What is wrong with this telephone conversation? It is plain that both girls are preparing anxiously for the joyous season of Christmas, but haven't they forgotten the most important thing of all? Christmas is the time for the celebration of the birth of Christ the King. The cards that they will send to their personal friends and business acquaintances will carry no hint of the blessed Nativity. Think of the good will Elizabeth and Mary

### Eleanor Waters, 1947 Grad, Now In New York NCWC Post Reception At Edgecliff To Be In Her Honor

By Mary Overbeck

You remember Eleanor Waters—graduated last year, College club president, I.R.C., N.F.C.C.S.. Of course, that's the girl. Yes, isn't she a grand girl? She's coming home for the Christmas holidays, you know, and Edge-



Eleanor Waters

cliff is planning a reception for her. We're all so anxious to hear about her work and about New York and the UN.

Suppose we slow down just a little, though, and gather a few facts. We'd better hear something of Eleanor's doings since she left Edgecliff last June 3 with her B. A. tucked under her arm.

#### Sought Special Career

Late in June, after resting up from comprehensives and the graduation whirl, Miss Eleanor Edith Waters took a position in the State of Ohio Liquor Control Board office in Cincinnati. But she was keeping her eyes on more important horizons. Her

keen interest in international affairs which enlivened her activities in the N.F.C.C.S. and the International Relations club here on campus, had developed a range of vision which included far more than a stenographer's notebook, typewriter, filing cabinets and a few cut-and-dried records which were to remain cut and dried and never bear fruit. Eleanor was prepared for more responsible and specialized work and she was watching for an opportunity to enter it.

#### Opportunity Knocks

The opportunity presented itself sooner than any of us imagined was possible when in July, Eleanor heard of a secretarial position in the office of Miss Catherine Schaeffer, assistant to the General Secretary of the N.C.W.C. on UN affairs. This was Eleanor's "pie," and her background in international relations, along with her outstanding scholastic record, had equipped her with the "fork," so to speak, with which to "eat" it. She applied for the position, was accepted, and within a few weeks was in New York, ready to take up her new duties.

#### Duties Interesting

The most difficult part of her job is filing, Eleanor relates. The office files cover every imaginable phase and organization of the United Nations. Material from the UN is received constantly at their office, and it is Eleanor's task to file this and keep it in proper order. She also clips and saves important articles concerning UN activities from the leading New York and Washington newspapers. Typical of the kind of work handled through this NCWC office is the arranging of a program for the institute on the United Nations which the Na-

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## They Sang For You Tonight



## Christmas Season Heralded By Choral Group Program

### Crib Ceremony To Be Tomorrow

The true Christmas spirit of generosity will be exemplified once more at Edgecliff during the traditional "Crib Devotion." Amid the singing of Christmas carols, a gift is offered at the crib by each student. These gifts are distributed among the poor in this locality by the Catholic Charities.

The "Crib Devotion," one of the oldest and most inspiring traditions at Edgecliff, takes place each year on the day preceding the commencement of the Christmas vacation. The entire student body, in cap and gown, is led in procession to the crib. Christmas carols are sung in English, French, German, Spanish, and Latin by members of the respective language classes.

This year the gifts offered at the crib will be gifts of new clothing for children ranging from infancy to 12 years of age. Specific age groups have been assigned to each class. Gifts from the senior classes are confined to infants and children up to 2 years; those from the junior class, to children from 3 to 5 years; from the sophomore class, 6 to 9 years; and from the freshman class, 10 to 12 years.

Contributions will include sweaters, mittens, scarfs, dresses, and similar apparel. Each gift is wrapped in Christmas gaiety and labeled as to content to aid in distribution.

### Freshman Awarded Radio In Contest

Mary Grace Zinns, freshman, was the recent winner of a Crosley table-model radio on Station WLW's "Builders of Destiny" program.

The radio was awarded to Miss Zinns on the merits of her letter suggesting that the work of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor in Cincinnati be dramatized on the program.

### Clubs Hold Joint Meeting

The International Relations clubs of Xavier and Our Lady of Cincinnati college held a joint meeting Tuesday, Dec. 16, on the Xavier campus.

Claire Reidell spoke on the French political situation and Walter Whalen of Xavier discussed UNESCO.

### Choristers Sing Traditional Carols

The members of the Choral Group presented their annual Edgecliff Christmas Carol program on Thursday evening Dec. 18, in the college auditorium. Mr. John J. Fehring, archdiocesan music director, conducted the program.

"The First Christmas", a cantata by Fenno-Coerne was the featured selection of the evening. Among the carols sung were "All Ye Souls Baptized Anew," "The First Noel," "Silent Night," "Slumber of the Infant Jesus," "Here a Torch," "Hark! Bethlehem," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "When the Saviour Christ is Born," and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

#### Soloists Named

Soloists are Helen Mae Federle, president of the Choral Group, Doris Wolf, Virginia Cooper, Magdalen Janz, Jean Ann Llewellyn, Marilyn Wolfer, Catherine Nader, Marguerite Dowling, Mary Kief, Margery Winters, Helen Mary Elias, Mary Theresa Duwell, Beulah Verde, Mary Carol Schwarte, Esther Harkleroad, Marianne Castellini, Mary Brady, Mary Margaret Meyer, and Anita Monter. Miss Mary Catherine Carlton accompanied them at the piano.

### Guild To Sponsor Literary Annual

The new editorial board of the Edgecliff Literary annual will include Mary Jane Braun, Mary Beth Ritter, Suzanne Schimanski, and Anita Monter. The names of three editorial assistants will be announced later. This announcement was made by Dr. Daniel J. Steible, faculty moderator, on Dec. 17, when the literary Guild held its Christmas party-supper meeting in Emery hall.

For the first time, the Guild is sponsoring the literary annual, contributions for which are being solicited by the editors. A tentative dead-line for contributions, Jan. 16, 1948, has been established. Essays, stories, poems, and articles will be considered.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Charles F. Wheeler of the English department of Xavier university, whose topic was "Mark Twain, Man and Writer."



## ● Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

The lone friendly stable of Bethlehem with its Treasure of Treasures breathing quietly on pillowed straw has been the subject of countless meditations. Saint and sinner both are awed at the thought of a God made Man, at the realization that a God would love so much as to take on lowly manliness.

As we study the picture of that Christmas night, and look into the infant face of the sleeping child, we dream of the future. We see no longer the Child but the Man — the lonely Man addressing His first words to a restless, wary, avaricious, suspicious crowd, and we hear Him say, "Blessed are the poor in spirit. . ." Could He hope that the words would fall on fertile ears? Could He care dream that those who heard would not only hear but act upon His strange message? What is this we hear, we, who stand on the Mount with our restless, wary, avaricious, suspicious neighbor, ". . . poor in spirit. . ."? The poor in spirit, those seeming fools who are detached from everything, and yet possess all things; who care about nothing, yet care about all things; who give up all freedom, yet rejoice in eternal freedom. We can not countenance such reckless abandon. Such is not for us. Let that to those who want no success or good fortune, who want to go through life unknown, unloved, unwanted.

But wait, the Man's words can not be so dismissed. He has a message for us in the crowd:

"Blessed are you who are poor in spirit. Blessed are you who love all things you are and have, and love them in Me and in My Heavenly Father.

Blessed are you who work hard and dili-

## ● The Right Approach

Father James Keller, Maryknoll missionary who directs the Christopher movement announced here recently that the Christophers' latest award, three prizes totaling \$10,000, will be given for "full-length plays which are good theater, entertaining, and in accord with Christian principles instead of against them."

This positive effort toward encouraging the restoration of Christian principles on the American stage follows closely upon a similar plan which will award \$30,000 in prizes for Christian novels.

Many people have seen the need for reform in these types of literature, but mere denunciation, a negative method of criticism, accomplishes little since it offers nothing to take the place of recent un-Christian literature, the product of today's materialistic trend. Successful condemnation calls for positive action in the production of Christian literature, which in turn calls for positive encouraging of authors to produce such writing.

The Christophers are achieving this latter in that the size of their awards shows that they are aware of the realities of the modern stage and of modern fiction publication. Many writers would like to emphasize Christian themes and true philosophy, but they are not willing to remain paupers for lack of publishers and producers. The selection of important figures in modern drama and literature by the Christophers to judge these contests, along with the sizable awards offered, will speak impressively enough to be heard on Broadway and in the largest of publishing houses.

## 'Cliff Views

### Right View On Rights

The United Nations commission on Human Rights is now in session in Geneva, Switzerland, the home of the late League of Nations. The United States, through Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, delegate to the Human Rights commission, has submitted to this session a World Bill of Rights, intended for adoption by the United Nations.

The declaration has been described as "a statement of the aspirations of the people of the world for rights and freedom," and it urges "the peoples of the world to promote the rights and freedoms hereby proclaimed." The document, drawn up by members of the U. S. State department, is based on the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. government.

The World Bill of Rights is a sound document, as far as it goes. The document is brief, containing ten articles and 400 words, short enough for memorization by school

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gently, and work in the sweat of My Labours.

Blessed are you who rejoice over good things, and rejoice because I have rejoiced all the days of My Life.

This is poverty of spirit — to detach self from your every phase of life, so that I may breathe in you, and you in Me, Who has come precisely to give Myself for yours.

This is poverty of spirit — to care only to serve, and serve not as a slave, but as one unfettered of self, and free."

And as we look into the face of patient Master, we dream of the past. We see no longer the Man, but the Child — the Treasure of Treasures breathing quietly on pillowed straw. Is not this the poverty of spirit of which He was to speak? And do we not hear from Jerusalem the distant promise carried to star-lit Bethlehem, ". . . for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"?

children. It is written in simple, though dignified, language,

The declaration has one flaw, but this flaw denies the basic principle that all rights flow from God, and the bill is, by its omission of the source of rights, nullified.

Human rights are not conferred by the mere mention of them in such a declaration. These rights are inherent in human nature, conferred by the Creator, the Author of nature.

Men must realize that some power, greater than man, confers and sanctions individual rights. The realization that God confers rights is the only means of achieving universal respect of individual rights, and when this comes, peace comes.

The Commission on Human Rights could do nothing better in drawing up a World Bill of Rights than to reecho these words of the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

## ● Woman Eternal

No night had ever thrown its arms  
About the weary form of man  
As that kind night  
Which in its silent way  
Had draped its dappled velvet robe  
About our loneliness.  
Let no one say I did not fear;  
For I feared then,  
As any woman would,  
When I was one with women who have been  
And with the holy lot who yet shall be,  
In that tremendous hour of Nativity.  
But in that blessed moment I forgot  
The cold, the timid cave, the restless beasts.  
I only heard His cry and felt Him cling  
And in His plaintive wail a stranger thing,  
The echo of a million longing souls.  
So I was quick to press and long to hold  
The pink warm flesh of Him against my heart.  
I fondled those small hands that shaped the world,  
And dried the tears that angels fall before.  
I felt the tiny heartbeat close to mine  
And blessed the precious incense of His breath.  
O ecstasy of Love, fulfilled and whole,  
To hold your first-born child, the flesh of you,  
To glory in His hallowed helplessness,  
To lay His infant head against your breast,  
To still the troubled rest of His new sleep  
And see Him in the first sweet dream of life.  
O miracle of miracles, to know  
The child you hold is yours to care and love  
To croon, to rock, to play with through the years,  
Yet with a flash of pure incarnate light  
To know that He you hold is still  
Your God.

## The Soap Box

By Helen Mae Federle

In your opinion, do you think that the giving of Christmas presents detracts from the real meaning of Christmas?



A. Kolker

C. Reidell

M. Chiappa

J. Lebkuecher

Alice Ann Kolker, senior, says: No. We give gifts at Christmas because we want to share our happiness with others. We detract from the real meaning of Christmas only when we emphasize the material value of the gift, rather than the thought of the giver. Those who share the joy of Christmas by giving to others, especially to the poor and less fortunate, have the true Christmas spirit in their hearts.

Claire Reidell, junior, says: No. I think that the exchanging of presents really adds to the meaning of the Christmas season. It is during this happy time that we commemorate Christ's giving of Himself to mankind. We give Christmas presents then, to our loved ones, and thereby share our happiness, by yearly calling to mind the birth of our Savior 1900 years ago.

Mary Louise Chiappa, sophomore, says: "Peace on earth among men of good will" can be illustrated in no better way than by the giving of gifts. For what else creates peace better than a loving, generous spirit, which we exchange with others during this season? Gifts do not detract from the Christmas spirit, for Christ said that what we do to others we do to Him.

Joan Lebkuecher, freshman, says: No. If the gift is given with the true spirit of Christmas, a spirit of forgiveness, love and charity, then it is not simply a matter of giving and receiving. The gifts to our loved ones should be an outward manifestation of the love that we've had in our hearts for them all year. This Christmas spirit should not end with the yuletide but should continue all year.

## On the Aisle

By Helen Mary Elias

St. Francis of Assisi was the first to introduce living actors and animals into a Nativity play. His "Christmas Crib" was brought into the realm of actual drama in the church at Greccio. St. Francis and other churchmen realized the use the Church could make of the drama to educate the masses, to propagate Truth, and to expound religion, not merely to entertain.



### Church and Theater

Through the ages from the dramatization of the first Mass down through Roswitha, tenth century Benedictine dramatist, to our theater, the clergy and Catholic laity have acknowledged the role of drama as a means of culture, education and recreation.

To discover the beginnings of drama one must go back to the pre-Christmas times of pagan Greece and Rome where drama had degenerated from its high peak into gladiatorial contests and bloody spectacles. For the theater too crashed with the downfall of the Roman Empire.

It was the ennobling force of the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages that revived drama and drew it from its stage of decadence into a position of new vigor and beauty. It was largely a Greek influence that gave the dramatic note to religious chant in the liturgy of the Church. During the ritual performed in the Holy Week services it became the practice to have the words of Christ chanted in a sweet, low tone and the words of Judas, Pontius Pilate and the others were also given a musical interpretation.

Real dialogue soon arose. The (Continued on Page 3)

## Etcetera

By Helen Joering

Thought they'd never come, didn't you?

But they have come, those glorious Christmas holidays, and so quickly are they upon us we find ourselves without Christmas gifts, without enough Christmas cards, without completed term papers — without time.

Strange among things forgotten, the "date" was never mentioned.

The whirl of Christmas holiday affairs begins tomorrow night with X. U.'s Christmas dance. At least it begins then for Helen Poland



and Mary Overbeck who believe in wasting no time in being "on with the dance!"

### Social Season Opened

Patt McGraw's starting her vacation with a terrific smash—a U. C. fraternity dance on the 20th and the Notre Dame Alum Dance a few days later. Well done, Miss McGraw.

Sally Hannah feels much better about the possibilities of the social side of the yuletide season since everything's all right again between her and Rich.

Shelia O'Malley is playing "Madame Mysterious" about all those letters from Terre Haute, so we don't know if she's going to be glad or sad because of them when fun-time begins.

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By Mary Jane Braun

"You better watch out,  
You better not cry,  
Better not pout,  
I'm telling you why:  
Santa Claus is comin' to town."

The hustling-bustling Christmas shoppers, the beautiful spruce and pine trees patiently waiting to be decorated come Christmas eve, bright peppermint canes and tinkling bells, and the hearty chuckle of that dear old fellow from the North Pole, reminds me that time is slowly slipping by, and not a word have I written to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus:

I can hardly believe that it's time again to write to you, so without further delay I'll get down to the business at hand.

Of course, Santa, in addition to Dec. 25, another red letter day here at Edgecliff is the day after Christmas. Need I tell you that I am referring to the Yuletide Ball, which is so much a part of the gay festivities of this wonderful season?

**Evening Splendor**

Claire Reidell's white taffeta formal with a scooped-out neckline, perky puffed sleeves, and rounded fullness over the hips which make for a handspan waist is just the thing I'm looking for to wear to the Yuletide. Grecian splendor so very aptly describes Doris Riedinger's pale blue formal with high neckline, brief cap sleeves, and fitted bodice. This dress would be a delightful Christmas gift. To swish merrily through the holiday season, Doris Konkler has selected a rustling plaid taffeta in one of the newer ballerina formals. Santa, do you think perhaps you could bring me just such a dress?

**Dresses, Too**

Dresses other than formals are also welcomed with open arms, and so, Santa, I'll tell you about

## Christmas Party In Spanish Style

The Pan-American club held its Christmas supper meeting in Emery hall on Dec. 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.

Entertainment was provided by 17 senioritas from Mount Saint Joseph college who presented Spanish songs and dances. Another feature, traditional with the Spanish was the pinata, which is a large container suspended from the ceiling and filled with gifts. Players, in turn, attempt to break the pinata and release the gifts.

Committee members for the occasion were as follows: decorations, Joan Titus; gifts, Delores Kreis; food, Loraine Pohlkamp; favors, Barbara Kurry, and music, Mary Ellen O'Connor. Stella Kahn, president of the Pan-American club, was general chair man.

some of the dresses of my classmates which will certainly make for merry holiday dining and dancing. The brown moire taffeta dress with a square neckline and bustle back which Peggy Bartlett wears is indeed charming. This two-piece creation with long sleeves and slim skirt would be an asset to any woman's wardrobe.

Santa, the two-piece black crepe dress which you delivered early to Aida Valerio must have been a pre-Christmas gift for her splendid performance in "Angel Street." This stunning dress of "Angel Street's" Nancy, with its appliqued flower on the skirt, cap sleeves, high neckline, and self-covered buttons which parade diagonally across the jacket would be welcomed as a pre-Christmas or a Christmas surprise.

Dottie Selzer, who also did a fine job in "Angel Street" was the recipient of a pre-Christmas dress, namely a luxurious purple crepe with long sleeves and tiered skirt. The loveliness of Dottie's dress is accentuated by a sparkling rhinestone pin.

**Clothes and More Clothes**

So very much in the color of the Yule Season are Genny Nader and Pat Tenbieg's kelly-green coats. Genny's coat, with gracefully flared back, beaver collar and cuffs, is both feminine and flattering. Pat's coat is a snugly fitted one with fake pockets and buttons of green and gold.

Santa, I'm afraid I've just

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## DISCUSSING THE UNITED NATIONS



Mary Overbeck, president of the College club, seated left, and Jane Egan, co-editor of THE EDGECLIFF, standing, plan with the Monsignor William J. Gauche, head of the history department, the United Nations assembly, Dec. 10.

### 'Kingsblood Royal' Subject At Forum

Monsignor Charles E. Spence, professor of Greek and Latin literature at St. Gregory's seminary, Mt. Washington, was the second guest speaker in the Critics' Forum, sponsored here by the Cincinnati circle of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae on Dec. 14. He reviewed the book, "Kingsblood Royal," by Sinclair Lewis. A reception followed his talk.

### On The Aisle

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second of the two groups of liturgical dramas was one containing scenes related to the Nativity of Christ. For Christmas there were plays like the "Pastors" or "Shepherds of Rouen." The serious plays of the Middle Ages developed by a process of adding scenes to dramatized rituals.

Soon, however drama again left the Church when performances outgrew the physical confines of the Cathedrals and in time fell into such secular abuse that the drama was banned.

The modern theater must again re-examine its position for today's stage in its constant quest for social drama is unfortunately focused too exclusively on man's relationship to man, with very little concern for supernatural values.

### History Department Head Discusses Cincinnati Plan At Assembly

Monsignor William J. Gauche, co-chairman of the religious committee of the Cincinnati plan for the United Nations association, was speaker at the weekly assembly, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The Cincinnati plan was inaugurated by the United Nations Association of Cincinnati, to familiarize Cincinnatians with the UN.

The plan was adopted after an investigation made last February asking Cincinnatians what they knew about the UN. Of the people asked, 30 percent had never heard of UN, and of the remaining 70 percent only a small number had any accurate knowledge about it.

A six months campaign of education was begun. It took about three months to organize the campaign, and now three months remain for action.

"The plan has four sections, the religious division, the civic division, the educational and public relations, including press and radio. By this division the plan shall reach everyone, and there

will be some overlapping, Monsignor Gauche said.

A program similar to the Cincinnati plan was successfully carried on in Tarrytown, N. Y. Cincinnati is making use of that city's experience.

"The plan is actually an experiment, Monsignor Gauche said." Next February another survey will be made to test the success of the plan.

### Dietitians Busy As Yuletide Nears

The Home Economics club held its Christmas party Dec. 1 in Emery hall. Members of the club exchanged gifts, and each class submitted a novel center piece for the table. Three resident students, who judged which center piece was the most unusual, chose that of the sophomore class.

A doll, dressed in a red and white outfit, was awarded by the club on Dec. 15, and a cake sale was sponsored on Nov. 26.

### Eleanor Waters, 1947 Grad, Now In New York NCWC Post

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tional Council of Catholic Women held in New York recently. Many of the details of this Institute came through Eleanor's hands.

**New York "Fascinating"**

Her location in New York is ideal. The office in which she works is in the National Catholic Community Service center, directly across the street from St. Patrick's cathedral. The women's residence at which she is living is within walking distance of this office, so her Church, her home and her job are all located within a few city blocks. Eleanor thinks New York is fascinating, and rather an ideal place in which to work, but she would not like to live there permanently. While she does enjoy her work, and while she thinks New York is a wonderful place to be, her thoughts come back often to her "Golden Days" at Edgecliff.

**Witnessed U. N. Mass**

Besides the wonderful experience of just living in New York, and the opportunities at her disposal to explore UN headquarters at Lake Success, Eleanor's position facilitates her witnessing such inspiring things as the United Nations Mass held in St. Patrick's on Sunday, Sept. 21, which she described as follows in

one of her letters to a faculty member:

"There were delegates from every country (Russia was one of the few exceptions), and some even wore their native costumes; one Arab came in long flowing robes, and a delegate from India wore some sort of Indian native costume. A Franciscan priest who is one of the alternate delegates from the Netherlands celebrated the Mass, and Cardinal Spellman presided. There were two other Cardinals present, one from Brazil and one from Peru, and also an Archbishop from Bolivia. I think the thing that impressed me most was the choir's opening rendition of (Faith of Our Fathers)—which seemed an appropriate defiance of the forces which are working to overthrow God."

**Home For Christmas**

Christmas will bring Eleanor home for the first visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Waters, and her sister, Mary, since she left to take up her duties in New York in July. Her many friends at Edgecliff, faculty members and students alike, are looking forward to Dec. 27, when the International Relations club will have an informal reception for club members and guests.

## Christmas Spirit Enters Kitchen



These senior dietetics majors, left to right, Melba Hicks, Mary McCarthy and Joan Schuermann, are making candy to help the Home Economics club fulfill its quota of 75 pounds, to be distributed among the poor children of Cincinnati. The candy will be distributed through the Catholic charities.



## It's A Strike!



Mary Elizabeth Schmidt, one of the Edgecliff Bowling league's high score bowler's is shown here rolling what she hopes is a strike. Looking on are left to right: Margorie Elsherend, Ellen Loos, Arlene Wertz, Helen Haumesser, and Catherine, Nader.

## Ruth Gratch Relates Teaching Experiences By Telephone To Inquiring Edgecliff Scribe

### Last Year's Editor Teaching At Peaslee

By Jean Llewellyn

While waiting for the phone to jingle in the Gratsch household, I reminisced on the college days of Ruth Adele, an outstanding member of the Gratsch family. I remembered her as the most energetic editor of *The Edgecliff* even while she supplemented her college journalistic work by writing for the *Catholic Telegraph-Register*. Surely, I thought, Ruth must have stormed one of the Cincinnati newspapers and may now be on the way toward becoming a star reporter.

But then again (the phone was still ringing) perhaps the news-world did not beckon Ruth. Guessing further, I thought it quite possible that she was continuing her endeavors to keep the lamp of the classics sputtering, if not burning brightly. How well I remember her as the exuberant president of the exclusive Classical club and the originator of that choice quotation regarding Classical club members as the "passionate few." Could Ruth have chosen either of these careers?

Someone interrupted my musings and the telephone ringing at the same time. I asked for Ruth, and in a minute Ruth was on the line speaking in her usual jovial way.

After she left Edgecliff last June, she said, she decided to continue her studies further, and enrolled at the University of Cincinnati. She is now working for a master's degree in education and also for a permanent teaching certificate in the public schools. She enjoys her post-graduate courses in the Evening College division which include a survey

of elementary music and social hygiene.

While Ruth is thrilled with her new courses, she just bubbled over with excitement when telling me about her teaching at Peaslee school located in the section of the city known as the Basin.

#### Teaches Primary Grades

"My pupils are very young children and I'm often touched by their delightful gestures and little simple acts of appreciation," she said. "They are thrilled when a teacher dresses up in bright colors or a new dress and their childish enthusiasm eve at times call her mother."

I didn't even get a chance to insert a question between her torrents of words. Ruth just happily went on about "my children." The group under her direction is a pre-reading group, that is, children who aren't mature enough to do first grade work. Her daily schedule includes classes in reading, writing, music, games, recreational activities and story-telling.

No direct religious teaching is allowed, she said, but by examples and lessons of truthfulness, obedience and charity, Ruth manages to aid the children spiritually.

#### Composing Children's Stories

When she finally stopped for breath I quickly asked her if she was doing any writing. She replied that while not writing for any paper, she finds herself making up children's stories or else re-writing adult stories to conform to a child's level. She has also undertaken a new project; she is now taking piano lessons which she said she enjoys immensely.

She is so intensely interested in her work, that it is an inspira-

tion to listen to her talk about it.

"My college training at Our Lady of Cincinnati has been invaluable to me," Ruth emphasized. "The Catholic philosophy so vividly instilled in me at Edgecliff has helped to keep my morale and spirits when I am faced with the unhappiness of individuals living in the Basin area."

#### Misses Edgecliff

Ruth told me in a serious tone how she misses the sociability of the college atmosphere. But she has found that once an individual finds a place in the world, there arises such a feeling of satisfaction that is with thanksgiving that one can look back to the college which so helped her to find her own niche in the world.

Noticeable also," Ruth said, "is the absence of the familiar Catholic atmosphere in public schools. There are now no more quick visits to chapel or the accustomed prayers before class, but I found some Catholic atmosphere in a nearby church," she added.

#### DRESSING UP

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about exhausted your supply of Christmas gifts, but I could use a few extra skirts and blouses. Mary Grace Zins and Dorothy Crone both look so sweet in the skirts and blouses which they are wearing these days that I should be very pleased to find under the Christmas tree skirts and blouses exactly like theirs.

Dorothy's skirt is a black crepe and with this she wears a white

The faculty and students of Our Lady of Cincinnati college wish to extend their sympathy to Aida Valerio and her family on the death of her father, Mr. Alfred Valerio.

## Results Of College Radio Campaign Are Announced

Results of critical listening to radio comedy programs by college students are being announced regularly from Radio Acceptance Poll headquarters, St. Joseph's college, Collegeville, Ind.

In their first report, college critics throughout the nation tabbed the Jimmy Durante program "highly acceptable." Fifteen other programs were termed "acceptable," while only one, the Bob Hope show, received a "barely acceptable" rating. No program audited during this first period was found to be "offensive."

As polling machinery is set up, 131 colleges throughout the nation, more than 1,000 students, are listening every week to the programs under criticism.

Programs and individual participants are rated under five classifications: highly acceptable, acceptable, barely acceptable, unacceptable and offensive.

#### Point System Used

A point system ranging from a plus 100 to minus 100 is being used in the tabulation. The "highly acceptable" rating is a score between 100 and 75. A score of 75 to 25 indicates an "ac-

ceptable" rating. A rating from 25 to a minus 25 means that the program or performer is "barely acceptable." An "unacceptable" rating is one which falls between minus 25 and minus 75, and an "offensive" rating is given to those programs or comedians whose scores are lower than minus 75.

On the basis of this system, the first results from the Radio Acceptance Poll are as follows:

Jimmy Durante	77.5	HA
Baby Snooks	73.5	A
Burns and Allen	68.5	A
Fibber McGee and Molly	66.5	A
Charlie McCarthy	65.0	A
Jim Backus	64.5	A
Henry Morgan	64.5	A
Jack Carson	61.5	A
Eddie Cantor	60.5	A
Duffy's Tavern	59.0	A
Jack Benny	51.5	A
Fitch Bandwagon	50.0	A
Red Skelton	44.5	A
Milton Berle	40.5	A
Jack Paar	37.0	A
Bob Hope	8.5	BA

According to Suzanne Schimanski, chairman of the RAP committee here, the poll is concerned only with the degree of "good taste" shown by the performers.

## Et Cetera

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Don't get excited because Jimmy's giving a party on the 20th for Margery Winters and himself as a joint celebration of their birthdays. Claire's going to be there, too.

### Ring-Bearers

Mary List didn't wait until Christmas but provided a bit of pre-holiday glitter with her engagement ring. It's lovely, Mary. Best of everything to you and Art.

Although not so glittery, just as proudly worn are the class rings (Purcell and Bacon, respectively) which Marguarite Dowling and Martha Gressel have wadded with string and made to fit.

Basketball fans Helen Mae Federle, Doris Wolf and Rosemary Groff tell me it was good to see the boys at it again in the Morris Harvey game. Fay Truss will pass judgment after the Ohio Wesleyan-X.U. game next Monday.

### Ahhh, It's Formal

Still loyal to their high school sorority, T. C., are Barbara Tuke, Marianne Nolting, Elaine Townsend and Joan Schulte who are going to the traditional Christmas night formal given by T. C. and Omicron.

Our own traditional Yuletide is the holiday event for almost all and rightly so. Always on campus and always exuding Christmas atmosphere, it is the loveliest evening of the whole season and with that looming brightly in the future, we start the holidays with breathless expectation.

## Christmas Seals



... Your Protection Against Tuberculosis

Support  
The Relief Drive  
For Foreign Students  
Do Your Part  
To Secure The Peace